

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-02397-JEB**

CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTE v. UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Assigned to: Judge James E. Boasberg  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 10/18/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
10/18/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5745429) filed by Cause of Action Institute. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit, # <u>2</u> Exhibit, # <u>3</u> Exhibit, # <u>4</u> Exhibit, # <u>5</u> Exhibit, # <u>6</u> Exhibit, # <u>7</u> Exhibit, # <u>8</u> Exhibit, # <u>9</u> Exhibit, # <u>10</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>11</u> Summons, # <u>12</u> Summons, # <u>13</u> Summons)(Valvo, Russel) (Entered: 10/18/2018)
10/18/2018	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by Cause of Action Institute (Valvo, Russel) (Main Document 2 replaced on 10/23/2018) (jf). (Entered: 10/18/2018)
10/18/2018	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Lee A. Steven on behalf of Cause of Action Institute (Steven, Lee) (Entered: 10/18/2018)

10/18/2018		Case Assigned to Judge James E. Boasberg. (zmd) (Entered: 10/23/2018)
10/23/2018	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(jf) (Entered: 10/23/2018)
10/23/2018	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 10/23/2018. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 11/22/2018. (Valvo, Russel) (Entered: 10/23/2018)
10/23/2018	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 10/23/2018. (Valvo, Russel) (Entered: 10/23/2018)
10/23/2018	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE served on 10/23/2018 (Valvo, Russel) (Entered: 10/23/2018)
11/21/2018	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Record of Fee Waiver)(Berman, Keri) (Entered: 11/21/2018)
11/26/2018		MINUTE ORDER: The parties shall meet, confer, and submit a joint proposed briefing schedule by December 10, 2018. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 11/26/2018. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 11/26/2018)
11/26/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 12/10/2018. (znbn) (Entered: 11/26/2018)